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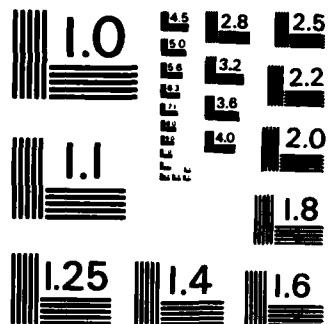
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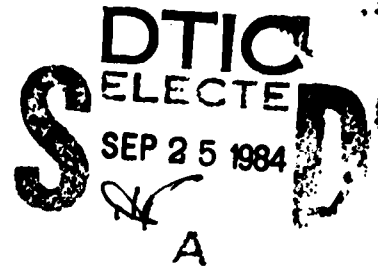


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The primary research direction supported by this grant was towards the development of new methods for solving the target identification or inverse scattering problem for time-harmonic acoustic and electromagnetic waves, i.e. to determine the shape or surface impedance of an unknown scattering obstacle from a knowledge of the far field pattern of the scattered wave. This problem is particularly difficult since it is both nonlinear and improperly posed. During this period supported by the above grant we have derived and numerically implemented new, stable methods for solving the inverse scattering problem, obtained a variety of uniqueness theorems for the solution of the inverse scattering problem, and investigated the class of far field patterns associated with the scattering of plane waves by a bounded obstacle (An important discovery in this investigation is the fact that the set of far field patterns is in general not dense in the space of square integrable functions defined on the unit sphere when the wave number is an eigenvalue of the interior problem. This discovery suggests new methods for solving the inverse scattering problem which are currently being investigated).

A secondary research direction supported by this grant was towards the development of new methods for solving the multi-dimensional inverse Stefan problem arising in ablation and heat conduction problems. New methods have been derived and numerically implemented for solving the inverse Stefan problem in two space variables. A by-product of this investigation is a new proof of the strong maximum principle for the heat

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equation and expansion theorems for analytic solutions of the heat equation.

The following is a list of papers written during the period of this grant.

The Inverse Scattering Problem

Books

1. Integral Equation Methods in Scattering Theory, John Wiley, New York, 1983 (with R. Kress).

Research Papers

1. The three dimensional inverse scattering problem for acoustic waves, J. Diff. Eqns. 46 (1982), 46-58 (with T.S. Angell and A. Kirsch).
2. Runge's theorem and far field patterns for the impedance boundary value problem in acoustic wave propagation, SIAM J. Math. Anal. 13 (1982), 970-977.
3. The unique solvability of the null field equations of acoustics, Quart. J. Mech. Appl. Math. 36 (1983), 87-95 (with R. Kress).
4. Stable methods for determining the surface impedance of an obstacle from low frequency far field data, Applicable Analysis 14 (1982), 61-70.
5. Dense sets and far field patterns in acoustic wave propagation, SIAM J. Math. Anal., to appear (with A. Kirsch).
6. Far field patterns for the impedance boundary value problem in acoustic scattering, Applicable Analysis 16 (1983), 131-139.
7. Dense sets and far field patterns in electromagnetic wave propagation, SIAM J. Math. Anal., to appear (with R. Kress).
8. Uniqueness theorems for the inverse problem of acoustic scattering, IMA J. Applied Math. 31 (1983), 253-259 (with B.D. Sleeman).

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Survey Papers

1. The inverse scattering problem for acoustic waves, in Proceedings of the Conference on Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations, Springer-Verlag Lecture Note Series, Vol. 964, 1982, 143-161.
2. Analytic and numerical methods in the study of the inverse scattering problem for acoustic waves, in Improperly Posed Problems and Their Numerical Treatment, Birkhäuser-Verlag International Series of Numerical Mathematics, Vol. 63, 1983, 47-55.
3. The inverse scattering problem for time-harmonic acoustic waves, SIAM Review, to appear.
4. Uniqueness of solutions to the inverse acoustic scattering problem, in Proceedings of the University of Strathclyde Conference on Scattering Theory, to appear (with B.D. Sleeman).
5. Dense sets and far field patterns for the transmission problem, in Proceedings of the University of Strathclyde Conference on Scattering Theory, to appear (with A. Kirsch).
6. Far field patterns in acoustic and electromagnetic scattering theory, in Inverse Problems in Acoustic and Elastic Wave Propagation, SIAM Publications, to appear.
7. Two methods for solving the inverse scattering problem for time-harmonic acoustic waves, in Constructive Methods for the Practical Treatment of Integral Equations, Birkhäuser-Verlag International Series of Numerical Mathematics, to appear.

The Inverse Stefan Problem

Research Papers

1. The numerical solution of the inverse Stefan problem in two space variable, SIAM J. Applied Math., to appear (with R. Reemtsen).
2. Analytic solutions of the heat equation and some formulas for Laguerre and Hermite polynomials, Complex Variables, to appear (with J. Wimp).

3. The strong maximum principle for the heat equation, Proc. Edinburgh Math. Soc., to appear.

Survey Papers

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